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450100-4672.1**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 53-70 are currently pending. Claims 53, 59, and 65, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 53-70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,959,690 to Toebe VIII, et al.

Claim 53 now recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein an additional recording can be designated by said information supplied by the designation information supplying means responsive to a user input.” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 5,959,690 to Toebe VIII, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Toebe”) relates to transition effects in digitally compressed motion video

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effectuated by selecting a FROM frame and a TO frame, which generates a stream of bidirectionally dependent duplicator frames which vary in their motion vector references to the FROM frame and the TO frame according to a predefined pattern.

Applicant submits that nothing has been found in Toebe that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 53. Specifically, Toebe does not teach that an additional recording can be designated by said information supplied by the designation information supplying means responsive to a user input, as recited in claim 53. Therefore, claim 53 is patentable.

Independent claims 59 and 65 recite features similar to, or somewhat similar to, claim 53 and are patentable for reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, claim 53.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

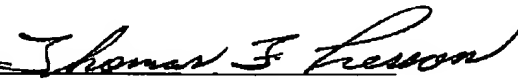
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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